GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO SECURITY FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the police force deployed at the American information centre in Kolkata were not equipped with the sophisticated weapons;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government have issued guidelines/instructions to all the State Governments to deploy the police force at all the important and sensitive places equipped with sophisticated arms and weapons; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): As reported by the Govt. of West Bengal, the police forces at the time of attack by terrorists were equipped with .303 rifles, .38 revolvers, lathi and tear gas.

(c) & (d): After the terrorist attack on Parliament House in December, 2001, all the State & UT Governments have been requested to review security measures and strengthening of all possible terrorist targets including government buildings and vital installations by constituting Quick Reaction Teams.